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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1. (Currently amended): A taste masking composition comprising (a) micropellets containing an antibiotic wherein said micropellets have (b) an inner coating ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of at least one cellulose polymer ~~and which does not include~~ which is not an enteric coating polymer and (c) an outer coating comprising an enteric coating polymer, wherein said coated micropellets have a particle size of about 100 µm to about 650 µm.

Claim 2. (original): The composition according to Claim 1 wherein the antibiotic has a particle size of about 0.1 µm to about 100 µm.

Claim 3. (original): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the cellulose polymer is selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl cellulose, methyl cellulose, ethyl cellulose, carboxymethylethyl cellulose, sodium carboxymethyl cellulose, ethylcarboxyethyl cellulose, and combinations thereof.

Claim 4. (original): The composition according to Claim 3, wherein the cellulose polymer is selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose and hydroxypropyl cellulose.

Claim 5. (original): The composition according to Claim 4, wherein the cellulose polymer is hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose.

Claim 6. (original): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the enteric coating is selected from the group consisting of cross-linked polyvinyl pyrrolidone; non-cross linked polyvinylpyrrolidone; hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose phthalate, hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose acetate succinate, cellulose acetate succinate; cellulose acetate phthalate, hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose acetate succinate, cellulose acetate trimellitate, hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose phthalate; hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose acetate succinate; starch acetate phthalate; polyvinyl acetate phthalate; carboxymethyl cellulose; methyl cellulose phthalate; methyl cellulose succinate; methyl cellulose phthalate succinate; methyl cellulose phthalic acid half ester; ethyl cellulose succinate; carboxymethylamide; potassium methacrylatedivinylbenzene copolymer; polyvinylalcohols; polyoxyethyleneglycols; polyethylene glycol; sodium alginate; galactomannone; carboxypolymethylene; sodium carboxymethyl starch; copolymers of acrylic acid and/or methacrylic acid with at least one monomer selected from the group consisting of methyl methacrylate, ethyl methacrylate,

ethyl acrylate, butyl methacrylate, hexyl methacrylate, decyl methacrylate, lauryl methacrylate, phenyl methacrylate, methyl acrylate, isopropyl acrylate, isobutyl acrylate, and octadecyl acrylate; polyvinyl acetate; fats; oils; waxes; fatty alcohols; shellac; gluten; ethylacrylate-maleic acid anhydride copolymer; maleic acid anhydride-vinyl methyl ether copolymer; styrol-maleic acid copolymer; 2-ethyl-hexyl-acrylate maleic acid anhydride; crotonic acid-vinyl acetate copolymer; glutaminic acid/glutamic acid ester copolymer; carboxymethylethylcellulose glycerol monooctanoate; polyarginine; poly(ethylene); poly(propylene); poly(ethylene oxide); poly(ethylene terephthalate); poly(vinyl isobutyl ether); poly(vinyl chloride); polyurethane, and combinations thereof.

Claim 7. (original): The composition according to Claim 6, wherein the enteric coating is selected from the group consisting of a copolymer of methacrylic acid and methyl methacrylate, and a copolymer of methacrylic acid and ethyl acrylate.

Claim 8. (original): The composition according to Claim 7, wherein the enteric coating is a poly(methacrylic acid, ethyl acrylate)1:1.

Claim 9. (original): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the amount of antibiotic is from about 1 wt. % to about 80 wt. %, based on the total weight of the micropellet.

Claim 10. (original): The composition according to Claim 9, wherein the amount of antibiotic is from about 5 wt. % to about 50 wt. %, based on the total weight of the micropellet.

Claim 11. (original): The composition according to Claim 10, wherein the amount of antibiotic is from about 20 wt. % to about 35 wt. %, based on the total weight of the micropellet.

Claim 12. (original): The composition according to Claim 1 in the form of an oral suspension, capsule, caplet, powder, or tablet.

Claim 13. (original): An oral suspension comprising the composition according to Claim 1.

Claim 14. (withdrawn): A method for preparing a taste masking composition comprising micropellets containing an antibiotic, said method comprising high shear granulation in the presence of an inipient at least at 50 rpm, said micropellets having an inner coating comprising at least one cellulose polymer which is not an enteric coating polymer and an outer coating comprising an enteric coating polymer, wherein said micropellets have a particle size of about 100 µm to about 650 µm.

Claim 15. (withdrawn): A method for preparing a taste masking composition comprising micropellets containing an antibiotic, said method comprising
(a) mixing at least one antibiotic, and optionally one or more excipients, to form a premix;

(b) adding a solvent, and optionally one or more excipients, to the premix formed in Step (a) and granulating in the presence of an impeller set at least at 50 rpm, to form a wet granulation;
(c) drying the wet granulation, and optionally milling and screening the dried granules to form micropellets; and
(d) coating the micropellets with at least one cellulose polymer; and
(e) coating the micropellets from Step (d) with at least one enteric coating polymer to form coated micropellets .

Claim 16. (withdrawn): The method according to Claim 14, wherein the high-shear granulation is additionally conducted in the presence of a chopper.

Claim 17. (withdrawn): The method according to Claim 16, wherein the chopper is set at least at 1000 rpm.

Claim 18. (withdrawn): The method according to Claim 15 wherein the solvent is water.

Claim 19. (withdrawn): The method according to Claim 15 wherein the antibiotic is clarithromycin.

Claim 20. (withdrawn): The method according to Claim 15 wherein the excipient is selected from the group consisting of a binder, diluent, anti-caking agent, amino acid, filler, solubilizer, disintegrant, lubricant, emulsifier, flavorant, solvent, stabilizer, anti-oxidant, anti-adherent, preservative, electrolyte, glidant, and combinations thereof.